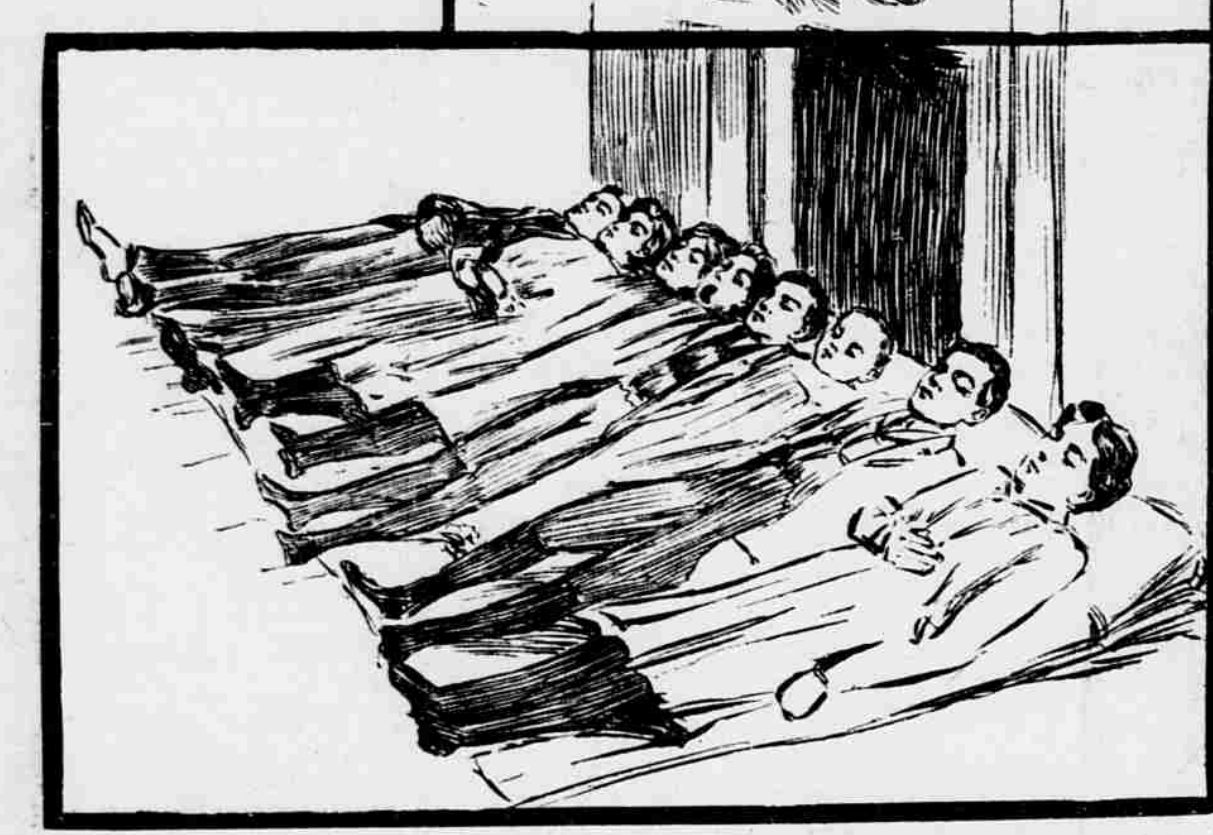


EIGHT BODIES AT THE KRAUS FARMHOUSE SHOW RESULT OF INSANE FATHER'S DEED.

Wounds Inflicted Upon Himself by
August Kraus, After He Had
Killed His Wife and Six
Children, Result in
His Death.



AUGUST KRAUS, HIS WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN, LAID OUT FOR BURIAL IN THE ROOMS WHERE AN INSANE MAN TOOK SEVEN LIVES AND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

A father, mother and six children laid out side by side, their skulls crushed and throats cut and a room bespattered with blood from the floor to the ceiling, was the sight that met the gaze of those who yesterday visited the scene of the awful tragedy at August Kraus' home on the Schoettler road in St. Louis County.

EVIDENCE OF STRUGGLE BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE.

It is thought that the deed was not committed without a struggle. A broken finger on the left hand of Mrs. Kraus, a deep cut on the back of the left hand and a blood-spattered window pane are mute evidences of a life-and-death combat. That neighbors argue must have taken place between the terror-stricken wife and her frenzied husband.

This theory is further borne out by the known distrust with which Mrs. Kraus had regarded her husband for the last several days. An apparently incurable nervous affliction had rendered him dependent, and his wife had told her neighbors that she feared some harm would befall them.

Thursday morning her fears were still further increased, and at her request, George Mertz, a neighbor, kept a watch on the house, ready to respond in case his services were needed. That they were needed is now known to all, but that she was prevented from calling him at the critical moment, when it is supposed that she attempted to get through the open window, must always be a matter of conjecture.

Kraus had a quarry hammer in an out-house in the rear of his house. The house is a one-story, consisting of three rooms and a garage. It faces the west. Two of the rooms are in the front and in the rear there is a long kitchen, the length of both. It is thought that Mrs. Kraus entered the kitchen and the slaughter of his family. His wife, finding his intention, ran through the room on the northwest side, and it is supposed, attempted to get through the open window on the porch.

EACH VICTIM WAS SLAIN
LIKE BEEF AT SLAUGHTER.

The extermination of the family was done in a methodical manner. Each of the victims was hit on the left side of the forehead with the hammer, and an examination of the wounds showed that they were in almost identical positions.

It is regarded as certain that he killed his wife first. It is thought that his oldest daughter, Carrie, who is 12 years of age, came next. After her, Emma, 10 years old; Philip, 8; Genevieve, 5; and a 4-months-old baby, not yet named, but who had generally been called Fritz.

After crushing her skull, Kraus evidently fearing that the job might not be completed, cut the throats of the two youngest. The same method was displayed in the use of the razor as with the hammer.

The wife and four oldest children were each slain on the left side of the throat. He began just below the left ear and made gashes about two inches long.

All this time Mertz was in a field working with comrades. He noticed, about 10 o'clock, smoke issuing from the chimney and argued therefrom that all was not well.

Kraus was engaged in the preparation of a meal. About three hours later he remarked to a friend that the house had disappeared and wondered if there was any ominous meaning to it. Still thinking, however, that Mrs. Kraus was joking, he went when necessary, and not wishing to unduly exercise her husband, he refrained from making an investigation, but remained in the neighborhood of the house.

BLOODY SIGHT IS REVEALED
THROUGH WINDOW OF COTTAGE.

It was not until about 5:30 o'clock in the evening that the crime was discovered. Mrs. Philip Kraus had been visiting the senior Kraus on Olive Street and was returning to her home by the Schoettler road. She decided to stop at the Kraus house. The front door was locked and she started around to the rear of the house. While passing the window on the north side of the house she peered through and saw a sight that caused her to shudder.

As soon as she recovered she gave the alarm and Mertz hastened to the home of John Kraus, near by, and told him of what had happened.

alloyed until about one year ago. Since then he had visited several St. Louis physicians, but to no avail. About two weeks ago he visited a woman in St. Louis who made a profession of the faith cure. Since then he has been very despondent, and his action caused his wife to write to Postmaster Andrew and other neighbors asking for assistance. John Kraus, the dead man's brother, did not remember yesterday the name of the woman that he visited.

CONNECTED WITH TWO OLD ST. LOUIS COUNTY FAMILIES.

Mrs. Kraus was also well connected. Her

WOMEN'S INFLUENCE IN FAIR ENLARGED

Committee From Board of Lady
Managers Will Co-operate
With All Departments.

TO RECEIVE AT DEDICATION.

During the Exposition the Board
Will Have Advisory Control of
Everything Pertaining to
Woman's Work.

The policy of the official relationship between the Board of Lady Managers and the Exposition Company and National Commission, as outlined at the several conferences this week, was announced last night.

As a direct result of these conferences all future meetings of the Board of Lady Managers will be held in St. Louis, enabling the members not only to come into closer touch with the Exposition work, but to better understand local conditions.

The board will be divided into subcommittees to co-operate, in an advisory way, directly with the different departments of the Exposition Company, in the arrangement and preparation of exhibits, wherein woman's work will in any way compete.

When the Fair opens the board will have advisory control of everything that pertains to woman's part in the Exposition, whether social or otherwise. These matters will be handled by rotating committees, a certain number of the board members having residences here throughout the Fair.

As this way not only the balance of power but a participation of labor will be equally distributed.

Arrangements for the part the board will play in the dedicatory ceremonies were made yesterday. The board will give a reception to distinguished guests every evening during the dedication week and other functions will be developed as arrangements proceed.

One of the two committees of the board appointed at the last meeting in New York conferred with the National Commission in regard to specific work and drafted the line of policy which has been already indicated.

This committee included: Miss Lavinia H. Dean of Shreveport, La., chairman; Mrs. Helen Bruce-Hamilton of Philadelphia; Mrs. Eliza P. Ernest of Denver and Mrs. E. Andrews of Hastings, Neb.

Mrs. James I. Blair, President of the board, found it inconvenient to attend the meeting on Wednesday. In addition to the committee, Mrs. Daniel Manning of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. John Holcomb of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. Jennie Buckwalter of Springfield, O., were present.

Before leaving the city last night Miss Blair, chairman of the committee, stated that the ladies composing the committee felt particularly indebted to the National Commission for its hearty support and encouragement.

Yesterday morning the committee had another conference with the commission. The President, Mrs. Blair, also being present. Mrs. Blair held an informal reception with the visiting members in the room of the Southern Hotel in the afternoon, at which Mrs. James I. Blair, General Counsel of the Exposition Company, was present.

ANIMAL IMPORTATION GUARDED.

Government Announces Quarantine Regulations for Stock in Transit to the Fair.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A special order providing for the importation of animals for exhibition at the St. Louis World's Fair has been made by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Reiss, are living on the Clayton road near Athol. Kraus quarreled with his father-in-law several years ago, but recently they became reconciled. Kraus was 28 years old, his wife 22. They were married thirteen years ago in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Manchester, and came to St. Louis to live. About nine years ago Kraus, senior, offered his son the farm, and he had been living on the Schoettler road ever since.

The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the home to Harvard cemetery, near Creve Coeur. It was first intended to bury the dead family from the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Manchester, of which congregation they were members. The rules of the Lutheran faith are very strict, however, against suicides. As a result the husband's family decided to bury them all in the Harvard Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Reiss protested against this arrangement.

ed without a tuberculosis test, provided they are shipped direct from an animal quarantine station to the Exposition grounds.

Horses from Great Britain and the Continent of Europe may be imported into the United States for such exhibition, provided they pass a veterinary inspection by the Bureau of Animal Industry at the port of entry.

CONGRESSIONAL AGENTS ARRIVE.

Notable Capital Officials Securing
Quarters for Fair Dedication Period.

Colonel Henry Casson, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and Colonel D. M. Randall, Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, arrived in St. Louis yesterday and are stopping at the Southern Hotel. The purpose of their visit is to make arrangements for the committees from the Senate and House which will attend the dedicatory ceremonies of the World's Fair on April 30.

These gentlemen are among the best known men in the United States. Every visitor to the National Capitol sees them, and they exchange daily greetings with members of both houses of Congress, when those bodies are in session.

Before departing they will have assurances of accommodations for members of the committee, and information as to exactly what part they will take in the dedicatory exercises.

Colonel Randall served through the Civil War in General Harrison's command. He is of striking appearance, which is emphasized by the absence of his right arm, which he lost in the service of his country. Colonel Randall expressed doubts as to the ability of St. Louis to accommodate all her visitors at the dedication.

"To-night," he said, "I was obliged to wait before being able to secure a room. I am informed that all the other large hotels are just as crowded as this one is. If this be the case in ordinary times, how are your Exposition crowds going to be handled?"

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"The Secretary of State takes pleasure in transmitting the accompanying invitation and expresses the hope that you will find it convenient to accept and honor the occasion with your presence. The event promises to be one of interest and international significance. You will kindly reply at as early a date as practicable that I may notify the proper officers of the Exposition."

TO EXHIBIT JAMES' HORSE.

Company Formed to Bring Bandit's
Home to St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., March 13.—Major J. T. Pearson, J. R. McLaughlin and St. Joseph, to-day, completed the organization of a company to be known as the Mountain Grove Syndicate, to remove the horse in which Jesse James was killed to St. Louis, for exhibition during the World's Fair. The building will be floated down the river, the start to be made April 1. The syndicate is a capital of \$25,000. The principal stockholders are business men in Mountain Grove, Mo.

Special Days at the Exposition.
Woman's Christian Temperance Union days at the Exposition will be October 5 and 6. To the jewellers and silversmiths have been assigned September 1 and 2. The Gruettl friends of St. Louis take that two days be set aside as Swiss days. Some of the organizations interested in printing have requested that a day in the first week of June be designated a Franklin Day.

Italy's Participation Seems Assured.
Rome, March 13.—The Council of Ministers to-day discussed the amount of the appropriation necessary for Italy's participation in the St. Louis World's Fair. The papers regard this step as assuring Italy's participation in the Exposition.

General Corbin's Giant Aid.
Adjutant General Walter of Michigan will act as aid to Major General Corbin in the military exhibition at the dedication. Adjutant General Walter is almost as big a man physically as General Corbin, being 6 feet 2 inches tall, and weighing over 200 pounds.

Mexican Diplomat a Visitor.
Jose P. Godoy, Mexican Minister to the Central American Republics, visited the Administration building yesterday. He is stopping at the Terminal Hotel with his family for about a month. He promises to act for the Exposition in Central America, particularly in Guatemala.

Governor of Arizona Will Be Here.
Alexander O. Brodie, the new Governor of Arizona, writes that he will attend the dedicatory ceremonies on April 30 with his staff.

Lecture on Sacred Pigeon Quizzes.
At the meeting of the Academy of Science at the Academy rooms, No. 180 Locust street, Monday evening, March 16, at 8 o'clock, Doctor May Whipple will give an illustrated account of the Sacred Pigeon Quizzes.

All those interested are invited to attend.

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BROADWAY AND LOCUST.

CARIBBEAN SQUADRON SENT TO HONDURAS

American Officials There Ask for
Protection in View of Growing
Rebellion.

Washington, March 13.—The Caribbean Squadron, under command of Admiral Coghlan, has been ordered to Honduras, where the revolution is assuming serious proportions, to protect American interests.

Late this afternoon, Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling sent the following cable instructions to Admiral Coghlan at San Juan:

"Proceed with squadron Olympia, Panther, Marietta, Vixen and Brutus, collector, protect American interests, Puerto Cortes and Celiba, Honduras. Communicate with Minister. Authorized to leave Vixen (tender) under commandant at San Juan."

The Navy Department decided to send Admiral Coghlan to Honduras on the theory that a day officer present on the scene would be in a position to take such steps as may be necessary for the protection of

American interests without constant reference to the department here.

The presence of a squadron, instead of a single ship, it was thought, also would have a salutary effect.

The State Department to-day received a dispatch from United States Vice Consul Wilt at Celiba, Honduras, announcing that Celiba had been captured by the revolutionists and suggesting that a United States warship be sent to Honduras waters. The dispatch bears date of March 12.

A request has also come for similar protection from the United States Vice Consul at Puerto Cortes.

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